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Ross Lichty Farm  
Gortner  
Agriculture/Private

1908

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ross Lichty Farm

**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER Blue Ribbon Rd., approximately .3 mi.  
S of Rt. 219.

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

✓ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Daniel C. Swartzentruber

Telephone #: (301) 334-9235

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Blue Ribbon Road

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 114

Folio #: 348

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ross Lichty Farm is located on Blue Ribbon Road, approximately .3 of a mile S of Rt. 219. The two-story, five bay by two bay gabled roof frame house has a three story hip roof addition on the N gable end. The facade has a central entrance and faces west. The house has german siding now covered with asbestos shingles. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. A one story wood porch with a corrugated metal shed roof runs along the facade. It has turned posts and a plain square balustrade. A two-story wood porch with a corrugated metal shed roof on the rear E elevation has the same turned posts and plain square balustrade as the facade porch. The rear porches are connected by an exterior staircase on the N side of the porch.

The windows are two over two sash with window surrounds removed. There is a small two pane window in the attic of the S gable end. There is a wood cornice and partial cornice return on the N elevation. There are two interior brick chimneys: a central one and one at the N end of the hip roof addition.

The house rests on a stone and concrete foundation.

A frame bank barn with a concrete foundation lies N of the house. Two rusticated concrete block outbuildings lie W of the house across Blue Ribbon Road.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ross Lichty farmhouse was built in 1908 by Ross Lichty for his family of 8 children. One of the children, Ralph, relates that his father moved the family from Mt. Davis, PA. to Fauquier County, Va in 1898, where they rented a farm. Plans were made to move to Michigan when they heard about this farm, then consisting of 715 acres in a rundown condition and situated in swampy land. It had previously belonged to the Union General Benjamin F. Kelley. Ross Lichty purchased the farm in 1901.

A frame bank barn on the property was constructed in 1903.

In Schlosnagle's book, Garrett County, he states that the Lichty's were among several old order Amish and Mennonite families that migrated from Somerset and Cambria Counties, PA. to the Pleasant Valley area of Garrett County in the second half of the 19th century.

According to the present occupant, Mrs. Daniel C. Swartzentruber, the site of Ft. Ashby is located on their property. Ft. Ashby was constructed by the Ashby family in 1774 as a frontier stronghold.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Lichty, Ralph. Interview, October 24, 1980.

Schlosnagle, Stephen et al. Garrett County: A History of Maryland's Tableland  
Parsons, WV: McClain Printing Co., 1978.

Swartzentruber, Mrs. Daniel C. Interview, October 24, 1980.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Donna Ware, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis

Maryland 21401

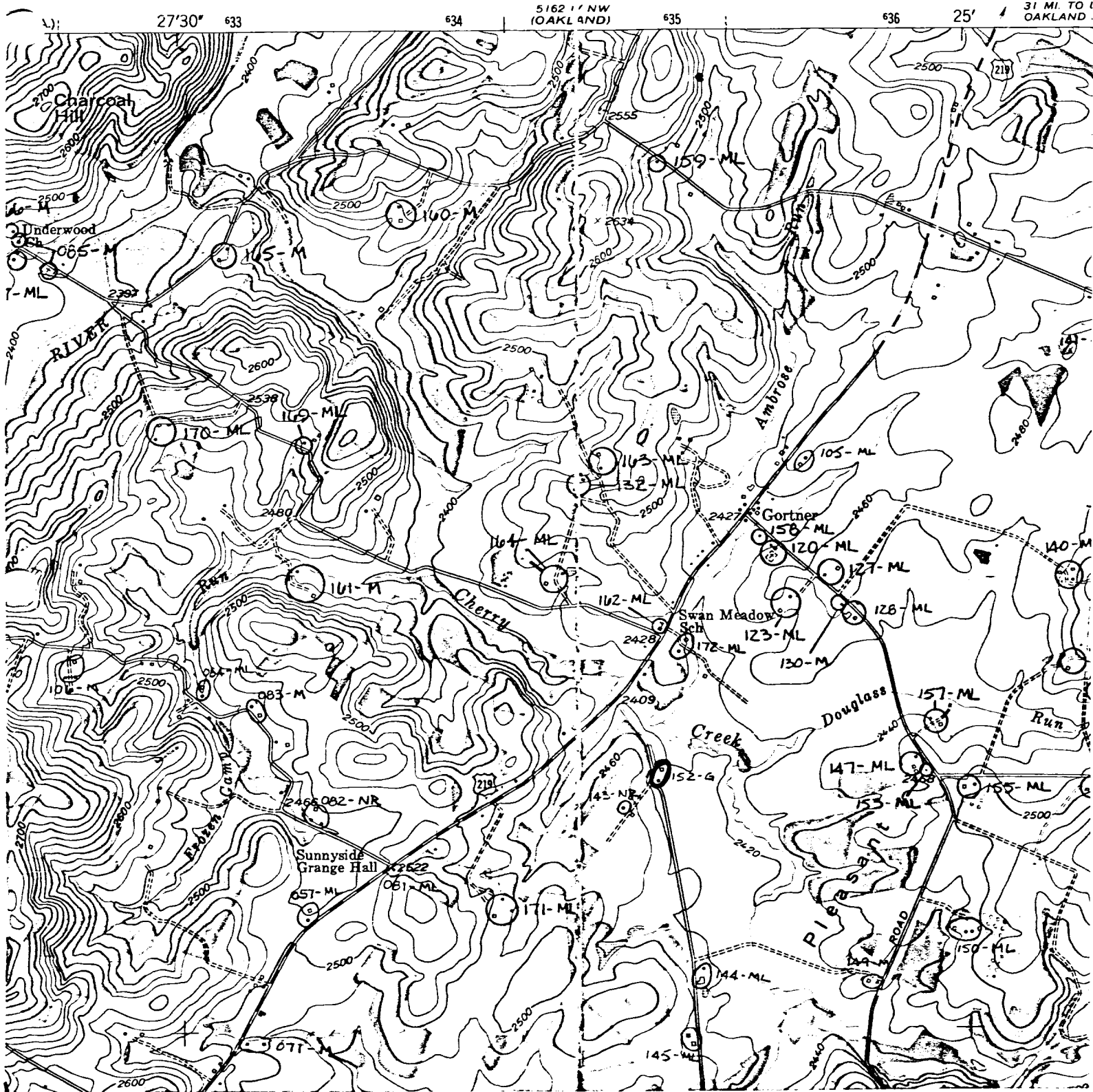
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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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STATE OF MARYLAND  
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



Oakland, MD-WV  
7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1948; photorevised 1974

Site No.: G-V-A-152  
Ross Lichty Farm  
Blue Ribbon Rd., approximately .3 mile  
south of Rt. 219.



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Lichty Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 10/24/80

Facade: W porch





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Rear: E porch